Statement

Funds released for various towns in Bihar, under the Scheme of IDSMT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Town	Amt. released upto June, '87
Sanctioned prior to 7th Plan	
1. Hajipur	42.18
2. Gopalganj	21.15
3. Saharasa	4.00
4. Daltonganj	30.00
5. Chapra	10.00
6. Dumka	18.50
7. Chaibasa	30.50
8. Begusarai	40.00
9. Deoghar	40.00
10. Arrah	26.00
11. Hazaribagh	34.20
12. Bettiah	36.37
13. Giridih	30.70
14. Dhanvad	34.91
15. Katihar	27.70
Sanctioned during 7th Plan	
1. Siwan	27.22
2. Krishanganj	31.43
3. Sitamarhi	10.50
4. Buxer	20.00
5. Purnia	25.86
6. Nawadah	14.39
Total	556.11

State Housing Ministers Conference

*94. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stressed the need to speed up the work relating to housing during the recent State Housing Ministers' conference held during May this year;

(b) what are the details of the outcome of the conference and whether the State Governments have sent their comments and suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and further steps taken to boost the housing activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 24 resolutions dealing with various aspects of housing, with special emphasis on devising suitable policies and programmes to promote and step up housing for the poor, the economically weaker sections and the low income groups, were adopted by the Conference. The Resolutions have already been forwarded to State Governments and UT Administrations for appropriate follow-up action.

(c) Various measures like formulation of a detailed National Housing Policy, setting up of National Housing Bank and housing finance intermediaries, launching of IYSH National demonstration projects in the context of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless-1987, review of certain laws affecting housing activity, etc. have been undertaken or are under way.

Formulation of a national water policy

*95. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Water Policy to overcome the drought which is prevailing in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether it will solve the inter-state problem of water sharing also?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The National Water Policy, which is under formula-

tion, aims at ensuring optimal use of water resources for various uses, including drought management. Inter-State problems of water sharing are sought to be resolved on the basis of an amicable settlement between the States concerned; and where a dispute persists, by taking recourse to the provisions of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Inspection of the working of the Fair Price Shops

*96. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that good quality of foodgrains are reaching only to the rich in Delhi as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 14th May, 1987;

(b) if so, whether any thorough inspection of the working of the Fair Price Shops in the capital has been undertaken; and

(c) the steps being taken to rectify the procedure adopted by Fair Price Shops in obtaining quality foodgrains and ensure that only quality foodgains are supplied to the customers at all these shops?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of white cement

*97. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NAFED had imported white cement during 1984-85;

(b) the names of the countries from which the said cement was imported;

(c) whether it is a fact that complaints, discontentment and disputes have arisen in these transactions;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the names of agencies like NAFED which were allowed or given licences for the import of such items?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) NAFED imported white cement during 1984-85 from South Korea.

(c) and (d) Dispute had arisen from an interpretation of the Import Policy regarding imports under OGL. It is pending in the Delhi High Court.

(e) During 1984-85 the Oil and Natural Gas Commission/Oil India Ltd. imported cement through State Trading Corporation, the canalising agency, under Open General Licence (OGL).

Shortage of drinking water

*98. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drinking water shortage in Bhopal due to low water level of Bhopal tank and failure of rains;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to provide sufficient drinking water to Bhopal city;

(c) whether Government have given any assistance to meet drinking water shortage in Bhopal; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (It has been reported that due to inadequate rainfall the inflow into the Upper Lake in Bhopal, which serves as the source of water supply to Bhopal city has been considerably reduced.

(b) The State Government has intimated that they have already started pumping daily 6 million